

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2012-59-G - ORDER NO. 2012-207
MARCH 30, 2012

IN RE:	Application of Piedmont Natural Gas)	ORDER GRANTING
	Company, Inc. for Approval of a Minor)	CHANGE TO
	Change to Service Regulations - Residential)	RESIDENTIAL SERVICE
	Service - Value Rate Schedule)	REGULATION VALUE
)	RATE SCHEDULE

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Application of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“Piedmont” or the “Company”) for a minor change to residential service regulations regarding the Value Rate Schedule. According to Piedmont, residential customers who would otherwise qualify for its Value Rate, but who reduce their natural gas usage through the installation of a tankless natural gas water heater may, in some circumstances, be shifted to the Standard Rate schedule. In order to avoid this disincentive to reduce natural gas consumption through the installation of tankless natural gas water heaters, the Company is proposing a minor change in its South Carolina Service Regulations.

This change clarifies that customers who install tankless natural gas water heaters will automatically qualify as Value Rate customers without regard to such customers’ other usage parameters. Piedmont states the proposed tariff change will benefit those customers who have taken affirmative steps to reduce their natural gas usage through the purchase of a tankless water heater and will not harm other customers. It requests

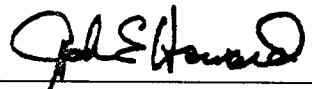
approval of the proposed tariff revisions effective with the first billing cycle in March, 2012.

This proposed change arises from a complaint in Docket No. 2012-19-G. The Office of Regulatory Staff has reviewed the request and does not object to the proposed changes.

We find Piedmont's request to be in the public interest by benefitting residential customers who install tankless natural gas water heaters, and it is therefore granted. Those customers will automatically qualify as Value Rate customers without regard to such customers' other usage parameters. The proposed tariff revisions shall be effective with the first billing cycle in March, 2012. Piedmont shall provide notice of the change to its customers by whatever means is most cost effective.

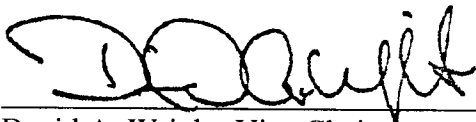
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



John E. Howard, Chairman

ATTEST:



David A. Wright, Vice Chairman
(SEAL)

**SEQUENCE TO BE FOLLOWED FOR PROOF-READING, APPROVING AND
PROCESSING ORDERS**

COMPANY: Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.		
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